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1. JIM SPAIN HAS TOLD ME OF CONFUSION WHICH APPARENTLY EXISTS OVER HANDLING OF 1974 MAP FUNDS. AS EMBASSY REPORTING HAS CONSISTENTLY AND REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR, SITUATION IS THIS:

2. SOME TIME AGO, WE OFFICIALLY ADVISED THE TURKS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THEIR FY 74 MAP PROGRAM. AS FAR AS WE KNOW HERE, ONLY EIGHT MILLION OF THIS TOTAL HAS ACTUALLY BEEN HANDED OVER TO THEM. WE MUST HAVE AVAILABLE TO GIVE TO THE TURKS THE LARGE REMAINDER OF THE FY 74 MAP FUNDS. IF OUR CAPABILITY TO DELIVER THIS IS TAKEN AWAY, THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO CHANCE OF HEADING OFF THE POPPY BAN RESCISSION.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, NO RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL SHOULD, IN MY JUDGMENT, ACTUALLY TURN OVER ALL THE REMAINDER IF IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME THE GOT MAY (AS AT THE MOMENT IS LIKELY) RESCIND THE BAN.

4. HENCE, THE EMBASSY'S STRATEGY CONTINUES TO BE TO TRICKLE OUT THESE FUNDS AS LONG AS THE BAN HAS NOT BEEN RESCINDED BUT NOT LET THE BULK GO UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BAN IS NOT GOING TO BE RESCINDED THIS SUMMER.

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5. I REGRET THAT AS ALL CONCERNED IN EMBASSY-STATE-DEFENSE WERE
FOCUSSING ON NEED TO "SAVE" THE FY 74 MONEY, WE SEEM TO HAVE BEEN
TALKING PAST EACH OTHER RE HOW WE WOULD HANDLE WHAT HAD BEEN SAVED.
APPARENTLY THAT WAS WHAT RAY PEET AND I WERE DOING THE
OTHER DAY, AND I HOPE YOU WILL EXPRESS MY REGRET TO HIM CONCERNING
THIS. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT ABOVE POLICY MAKES SENSE, IS THE
ONLY WISE POLICY WE CAN FOLLOW UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND
IS FULLY EXPLAINABLE TO CONGRESS.
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